GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTING CITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Guwahati City has emerged as the most polluting city in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The levels of the Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM) in ambient air is one of the indicators of air pollution in the cities. Even though, the monitored ambient air quality data in Guwahati indicates that it is not the most polluted city in the country, the Assam Pollution Control Board has initiated various steps to abate the pollution, which inter-alia include regular monitoring of air and water quality at number of locations, installation of pollution control devices by the industry, organizing camps for free pollution check for vehicles to lessen the pollution load from the vehicles etc.